

Our Recommendations

The table lists all the wards we are proposing as part of our final recommendations along with the number of voters in each ward. The table also shows the electoral variances for each of the proposed wards which tells you how we have delivered electoral equality. Finally, the table includes electorate projections for 2025 so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

| Ward Name | Number of councillors | Electorate (2019) | Number of electors per councillor | Variance from average (%) | Electorate (2025) | Number of electors per councillor | Variance from average (%) |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bellingham | 2 | 7,254 | 3,627 | -1% | 7,280 | 3,640 | -5% |
| Blackheath | 3 | 10,911 | 3,637 | 0% | 10,960 | 3,653 | -5% |
| Brockley | 3 | 12,120 | 4,040 | 11% | 12,323 | 4,108 | 7% |
| Catford South | 3 | 11,873 | 3,958 | 8% | 11,784 | 3,928 | 3% |
| Crofton Park | 3 | 10,819 | 3,606 | -1% | 10,956 | 3,652 | -5% |
| Deptford | 3 | 10,302 | 3,434 | -6% | 12,234 | 4,078 | 7% |
| Downham | 3 | 11,877 | 3,959 | 8% | 12098 | 4,033 | 5% |
| Evelyn | 3 | 8,757 | 2,919 | -20% | 11,411 | 3,804 | -1% |
| Forest Hill | 3 | 10,595 | 3,532 | -3% | 10,820 | 3,607 | -6% |
| Grove Park | 3 | 10,562 | 3,521 | -4% | 10,488 | 3,496 | -9% |
| Hither Green | 3 | 12,961 | 4,320 | 18% | 12,075 | 4,025 | 5% |
| Ladywell | 3 | 10,505 | 3,502 | -4% | 10,379 | 3,460 | -10% |
| Lee Green | 3 | 10,239 | 3,413 | -6% | 10,668 | 3,556 | -7% |
| Lewisham Central | 2 | 4,937 | 2,469 | -32% | 7,881 | 3,941 | 3% |
| New Cross Gate | 2 | 6,346 | 3,173 | -13% | 7,084 | 3,542 | -7% |
| Perry Vale | 3 | 12,689 | 4,230 | 16% | 12,669 | 4,223 | 10% |
| Rushey Green | 3 | 11,374 | 3,791 | 4% | 12,124 | 4,041 | 6% |
| Sydenham | 3 | 11,680 | 3,893 | 7% | 11,686 | 3,895 | 2% |
| Telegraph Hill | 3 | 11,275 | 3,758 | 3% | 11,657 | 3,886 | 2% |
| Totals | 54 | 197,076 | - | - | 206,577 | - | - |
| Averages | - | - | 3,650 | - | - | 3,826 | - |

Lewisham Council

Final Recommendations on the new electoral arrangements



Who we are

- The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body set up by Parliament.
- We are not part of government or any political party.
- We are accountable to Parliament through a committee of MPs chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons.
- Our main role is to carry out electoral reviews of local authorities throughout England.

Electoral review

An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority, including:

- The total number of councillors representing the council's voters ('council size').
- The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
- The number of councillors for each ward or division.

Why Lewisham?

- Lewisham Council currently has high levels of electoral inequality: some councillors represent many more - or many fewer - voters than others.
- Therefore the value of your vote, in Lewisham Council elections, varies depending on where you live in Lewisham.
- We are seeking to improve levels of electoral equality for local voters

Our proposals

- Lewisham Council currently has 54 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 54 councillors should serve the council in the future.
- We believe our final recommendations meet our statutory criteria to:
 1. Deliver electoral equality for voters
 2. Reflect community interests and identities
 3. Promote effective and convenient local government

Summary of our recommendations

The final recommendations propose that Lewisham should have **54 councillors**, the same as there are now.

We are recommending that there should be 16 three-councillor and three two-councillor wards. The boundaries of two wards will stay the same, all others will change.

We have considered all the submissions we received during our consultation on our draft recommendations and have been persuaded to make a number of changes.

In response to feedback on our draft recommendations we have amended some of our proposals, notably in Brockley, the Deptford area, Hither Green and Ladywell. We are also making minor and consequential changes to a number of wards including Catford South, Crofton Park, Downham, Lee Green, Lewisham Central, Perry Vale and Rushey Green.

In response to representations received, we have also changed the name of our proposed New Cross ward to Deptford.

An outline of the proposals is shown in the map to the right. A detailed report on the recommendations and interactive mapping is available on our website at: www.lgbce.org.uk.

Find out more at consultation.lgbce.org.uk:

- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- zoom into the areas that interest you most.
- read the full report of our recommendations.
- find more guidance on the review process

| Stage of Review | Description |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 25 June 2019 - 16 September 2019 | Public consultation on warding arrangements |
| 17 December 2019 - 02 March 2020 | Public consultation on draft recommendations |
| 30 June 2020 | Publication of final recommendations |
| May 2022 | Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections |

Overview of final recommendations for Lewisham Council

View this map online and explore it in more detail at: consultation.lgbce.org.uk

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